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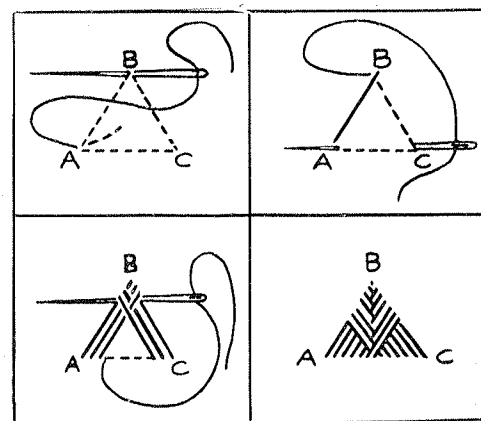
ARROWHEAD AND BAR TACK

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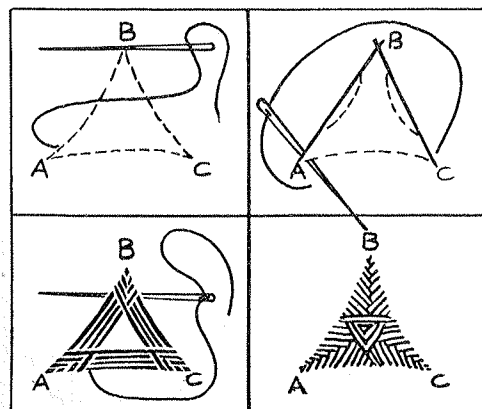
The arrowhead tack, crow's foot tack, and bar tack are decorative finishes used on tailored clothes to emphasize and reinforce structural points.

The arrowhead tack is used at the top of a pleat to hold a pleat in position or at points of darts. Buttonhole twist is usually used for making the tack.

1. First mark on the cloth an equal-sided triangle with thread of contrasting color or chalk. Thread the needle with the twist and fasten by taking a few stitches from the center of the triangle (as indicated in the illustration), bringing the thread out at the lower left-hand corner of the triangle. (Figure 1, point A).
2. Take a short stitch at the upper point (B), passing the needle through from right to left.
3. Insert the needle in the lower right-hand corner (point C) and bring it out on the line just to the right of A.
4. Continue in this way until the arrowhead is completed, making the stitches close together and always passing the needle from right to left. Insert the needle each time outside the thread marking the triangle. Fasten the thread from the wrong side.



(Figure 1 - Arrowhead Tack)

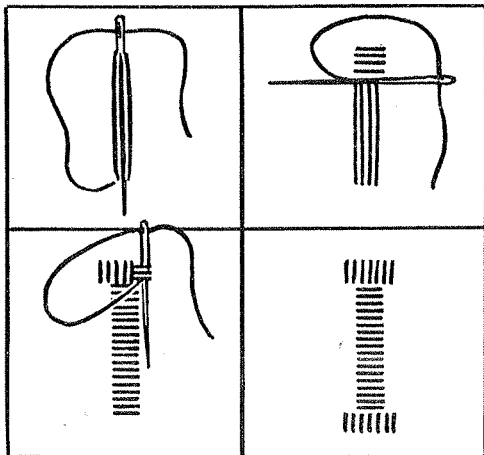


(Figure 2 - Crowfoot)

The crowfoot and bar tacks are often used at the corners of bound pockets. The position of the crowfoot tack is marked in the same way as described above. The thread is fastened and the needle brought out at the same point. A short stitch is taken at point B from right to left.

The second stitch is a short stitch at point C. The third stitch is a short stitch at A. Continue this process, making the stitches close together and following the outline of the crowfoot. (Figure 2).

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(Figure 3 - Bar Tack)

The bar tack is made as follows: Make several stitches through the material across the end of the pocket or opening to be reinforced (Figure 3). Work over the long stitches with short over-and-over stitches, always passing the needle through the material. Finish each end with a small bar tack, using the same method.